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PITCHERS BELEVE THAT "RABBIT BALL" INDUCES "STRIKE-OUT" PITCHING

By SID MERCER.
We quote at random from the box score summaries on the sporting pages of last Wednesday in order to get a serious complaint on the records: "Home runs—Flagstead, Mostil, Schalk. Home runs—Burns, Walker Dugan. Home runs—Doubert, Hargrave. Home runs—Rohrer, Wirts. Home runs—Young. Home runs—Cooper." Twelve in one day, and Babe Ruth and other Yankee fence-busters were not in action!
It's a joke, isn't it?
Well, not to big league pitchers, who complain bitterly that the magnates, in their eagerness to pander to the supposed demand for heavy hitting, are running pitching as a fine art. The reappearance of the "rabbit" ball and the decline of the spitball pitching are responsible for this season's tremendous output of hits and runs. Games in which either team makes less than ten hits are rarities. A "pitchers' battle" nowadays is a game where one team makes thirteen hits and the other team approaches twenty or more is the game referred to as a "slugging bee."

We picked out last Tuesday's scores as a text for this lecture, merely because the paper of that date happened to be the handiest. The same story can be found in the box scores nearly any day.
There were nine big league games played last Tuesday. The Yankees and Senators were idle, but doubleheaders were staged in Chicago and Philadelphia.
Home runs were made in all these games, except the combat between the Dodgers and Braves in Boston, where the outfield is too spacious to permit of homers being knocked over the fences, and in Cleveland, where the Browns and Indians staged one of those "pitchers' battles" that resulted in a 9 to 7 victory for the Indians, who made six of their runs in the eighth inning.
In two of the games the home run total was three.

The lowest number of runs scored in any one of these games was six in the first of a doubleheader between the Red Sox and Athletics. Exactly 100 runs were scored in the nine games—an average of 11 to the game.

April and early May seldom finish a game any more, and the same thing goes for many other pitchers who are rated as stars. The "rabbit" ball and nothing else is responsible for this state of affairs, and the magnates are therefore open to direct charges of favoring the live ball because it hippodromes the sport. They could demand the ball if they wanted to, but they think the baseball public prefers home runs to clever pitching.
There is reason to believe that certain big league managers have laid aside a stock of lively balls from last season for use in their home games. In the American League St. Louis and Detroit are known as the "rabbit" ball clubs. Kenneth Williams, of the Browns, has hit practically all of his home runs on the St. Louis grounds.
In Detroit last Tuesday the White Sox made three home runs. One was a "rabbit" ball. The other two were not a long-distance clouter or, ordinarily, The Detroit field is a big one, and a lick over the fence there requires a vigorous thrust.

The Tigers are a heavy hitting team. When they won four straight games from the Yankees in Detroit recently, they slugged the everlasting daylight out of the ball. In one game they made nineteen hits, in another fourteen, and in a third thirteen. The Yankees was the only pitcher to curb them. They couldn't hit Carl's underhand delivery and made only two runs, but won nevertheless.

The Yankees, in one of those Detroit games, collected three hits, yet were never in the running.
There is, of course, the argument that one team has as good a chance as the other when the "rabbit" ball is in play. That is true, in a measure. The Yankees are supposed to know how to slug, yet they have been losing. As a matter of fact, they have been batting in a slump, which was aggravated by the loss of Baker and Schang and the failure of Babe Ruth.
A pitcher has no chance to win unless he is right at the top of his form or his team scores a flock of runs," declared a prominent Yankee moundman recently. "The ball is so lively that pitchers are haunted by the fear of being killed by line hits that go to the box. We instinctively duck as we let the ball go. It is livelier than it was last year. The heavy hitting and the harvest of home runs, which is far greater now than it was at this time last year, even with Ruth lost in the shuffle, proves that."

"The names of thirty-six pitchers appearing in the nine box scores, and despite the fact that four of them started and finished for a winning team, and two started and finished for losers, the average number of pitchers to the game was three.
"The St. Louis Cardinals employed four pitchers to win an exciting game with the Cincinnati Reds, and Connie Mack sent three hurlers to the hill when the Athletics won the second game of a doubleheader from the Red Sox. Altogether seventeen pitchers were

"I can remember when the home run was a rare occurrence. Bobby Roth led the American League outfield with seven. Walter Pipp was the champion another year with eleven. Nowadays the veriest dub hits home runs and pitchers equal those old records.
"How often do you see a pitcher prevent scoring now when there is a runner on third base and the infield comes in? Once in a while he makes the hitter pop up, but five times out of six the batter will either hit one through the infield a mile a minute, or a long fly. Infielders cannot handle the ball at close range when it is hit hard. Look at the good pitchers who have gone to the bad this season. They have all their stuff, but so many restrictions have been placed on them, including the lively ball, that they no longer hold any advantage over the batter. How many shutouts do you see now?"
There is food for thought in what this pitcher says. Last season Ruth made fifty-nine home runs and the grand total of the two major leagues was 937. This year no team has yet approached the midway mark of seventy-seven games, yet up to last Friday 377 home runs had been made. At this rate the season's output of home runs will total well over 1,000. The lively ball is a joke.

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Sandlotters' Salt and Pepper

By R. D. THOMAS.
Union Printers and W. F. Roberts early today were forced to postpone their game scheduled at Washington Barracks in the independent championship series.
Today's series games follow:
Unlimited Class.
Section B—War Finance vs. Gibraltar, at Rosedale, 5:15 p. m.
Section A—Roamer vs. St. Teresa, at Union Park, 5:15 p. m.
Section A—Crescent vs. Atlantic at Catholic University, 5:15 p. m.
Midlet Class.
Linworth vs. Liberty, at Brookland, 6 p. m.

The Gibraltar, who play War Finance, won the independent championship last year, but were slow to get started right in this campaign. War Finance, a new team, boasts some splendid performers and should make the Gibraltar's play for all they're worth today.

The Roamers and St. Teresa, two crack senior teams, may put on the feature game of the day. The Roamers' combination is made up largely of high school lads and ex-scholarship stars. They've been winning regularly all season.

Crescents and Atlantics are rivals in the Mt. Pleasant section and are likely to have warm argument.

The Liberty Cubs and Linworths are due for a hot game in the midlet class. They've had a number of arguments, and for one to scalp the other would be a big victory.

Dominican Lyceum looked good against Junior Order, winning 7 to 2, but the fraternalists, after the second inning, also resembled a first class outfit. The Dominicans never scored after the second.

Chick Davis, on third for the Dominicans, seldom has played better ball in his long career than against Junior Order. He figured in two beautiful double plays.

Mrs. Lennie Rock, manager of the Linworths, is nursing a badly hurt leg today, having been struck by a ball thrown by Ray Bringle. He had all his stuff on it.

Edgar Duval, the Arieis' lame pitcher, showed plenty of stuff, although beaten, 10 to 3. Crump's homer in the sixth with three on base was a feature of the game. That occurred it was an exciting battle.

The Arieis have made two substitutes and declare they will be more formidable in coming games.

Dominican Lyceum's stock went soaring when Mick McConnell played the outfield. McConnell, a crack pitcher, was listed by the Union Printers as well as by the Dominicans, and by playing yesterday cast his lot for the series with Dominican Lyceum.

In addition to McConnell the Dominicans now have Frank Crump to pitch. Either might win any old game.

Empiring in both opening games could hardly have been better. Three umpires worked in the Dominican Junior Order game and two in the Linworth-Arieis contest.

Toots Wise and Bill Kessler slammed the ball to a fare-well and made an easy job for the Knickerbockers, each getting four hits. Six runs in the first cooked the Gibs.

Once again the Shamrocks triumphed over the Broomsticks, this time by 11 to 7, and Roudabush pitched his second victory over the Alexandrians.

Tomorrow the Shamrocks will play the Silver Spring semi-pros. Tenleytown hustled Len Owen's whitewash pitching streak by scoring against Silver Spring in eighth, the final count being 8 to 1. Lem had hurled 34 scoreless frames.

Costello Post and the Knickerbockers, among the leading title contenders, will clash on the Georgetown University field tomorrow at 3 p. m., in connection with the Costello field day.

NO-HIT COLLEGE STAR SIGNS WITH WHITE SOX
DUBUQUE, Iowa, July 3.—Silvester McCauley, southpaw slugging star of Columbia College, has signed with the Chicago White Sox for the 1923 season. In addition to an enviable record as a college hurler, McCauley has gained considerable prestige through his effective work against strong semipro teams. Last year he pitched two no-hit, no-run games against fast independent clubs.

Bases Were Loaded.
Elwood Wirts, of the Cubs, came through with baseball's biggest hit, a home run with the bases full on June 27. Wirts, with Hank Gowdy, of the Braves, are the only National Leaguers to hit home runs with the bases full.

Luque in Form.
Harold Traynor of the Pirates, after hitting safely his last eight games, was stopped June 24 by Adolfo Luque and Frank Keck. While hitting them, Traynor punched out 16 hits in 32 batting tries for an even .500 percentage.

Hit Five Homers.
The Phillies by sending out five home run smashes in the game of June 23, equaled the season's record set by the Giants.
Giants Stopped Him.
Cy Williams, of the Phillies, after scoring nine runs in six straight games, was stopped June 27 by the Giants.

Eddie's Friends "The Winners Try to Repeat"



JOHNNY DUNDEE RUNS OUT ON CHANEY; BIG SHOW OFF

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.
Johnny Dundee, junior lightweight champion, has taken a "run-out powder" on George Chaney, leaving the Claggett Johnson Post, American Legion, of Laurel, Md., holding the bag. A protest will be made today to the Maryland State boxing commission, a demand being made to have Dundee barred in Maryland until he fulfills his contract to meet Chaney in a twelve-round bout. Meanwhile it is expected that an attachment will be placed on Dundee's share of the Sharkey contest, billed for Ebbetts' Field, Brooklyn, to cover the expenses incurred by the Maryland promoters.
"That is the second time Dundee has run out on us," said Sammy Harris, Chaney's manager, today. "There will be no case at Laurel." "However, I think he'll find himself in a hole this time. I am willing to put my other boxers into the ring at Laurel tomorrow, taking a gamble on the attraction."
The announcement of Joe Freeman, who was handling the card for the Laurel veterans, "I promised the public of Washington and Baltimore to show Chaney against Dundee. Dundee worked for weeks to put on this show. I decline to give them anything less attractive. I must play fair with the ring fans of the two cities."
"However, Dundee is going to find himself in a peck of trouble before he gets out of this. He signed to meet Jack Sharkey on July 6 after signing to meet Chaney on July 4. Our contract has a prior claim on his services, and if the New York State boxing commission will protect promoters in Havana in the case of Leo Flynn and Joe Gans, it will do as much for these American Legion boys in Maryland."
"Dundee signed a contract with us to meet Chaney. We signed it in good faith, agreeing to guarantee him \$5,000 for twelve rounds. We went ahead and incurred considerable necessary expense in preparing the show."
"At the last minute, two days before the show, Dundee notifies us that he cannot go on with his contract, because, having signed to meet Jack Sharkey in Brooklyn on Thursday, he must live up to the rules of the New York commission, which forbid his appearing anywhere within six days of his Sharkey contest."
"Dundee told me over the telephone that he was sorry and would like to have us postpone the show until Labor Day, but that is impossible. Furthermore, that does not protect the money we have spent. Neither can I have a refund. I am sorry, but the money is gone. I am sorry, but the money is gone. I am sorry, but the money is gone."

JOE JACKSON HAS BIG DAY ON JERSEY FIELD
NEW YORK, July 3.—Joe Jackson, former White Sox player and now one of the "outlaws" of the game as a result of the investigation of the world series of 1919, is not "in bad" in Westwood, N. J.
He played in two games there yesterday, and was as well received as a new ambassador. Joe played well, his double and two singles aiding Westwood to beat the Virginia Giants, a nine composed of colored players.
The insistence of Westwood that it use Jackson has caused a split in the baseball relationship of Westwood and Hackensack. A Hackensack paper announced that the team which represented that community would not take the fight against "Joe Jackson" or any other outlaw player.
Nevertheless yesterday was a good day for Jackson. He carries a manager who stated that Joe was presented with \$200, besides his share of the gate receipts, by leading citizens.

POTOMAC PARK GOLFERS DEFEAT BALTIMOREANS
Washington golfers, represented by players from the Potomac Park Club, defeated Baltimore's representatives in Clifton Park, Baltimore, yesterday by 6 to 4.
Baltimore scored when William Mather turned in a seventy-six. William Prendable, of Washington, scored seventy-nine.
Warner Mather and Robert Smith, Baltimore, defeated L. H. Sanford and J. McGough, 5 up and 3 to play, and 3 and 2.
C. E. Swift and W. Prendable, Washington, defeated R. C. Honkin and J. Keating, Baltimore, 3 up and 2 to play, 3 and 2.
Tom Cole and Carter Carbis, Baltimore, defeated E. M. Posey and M. Watson, Washington, 4 up and 3 to play, 4 and 3.
Watson and F. G. Wells, Washington, defeated Joe Brooks and M. Hutchinson, Baltimore, 3 up and 2 to play, 2 and 1.
J. R. Murphy and L. S. O'Tell, Washington, defeated R. Davis and J. Rainald, Baltimore, 8 up and 7 to play, and Leo Conney and F. Lucas, 5 up and 4 to play.

WALTER HAGEN BEATEN IN FIRST RETURN PLAY
NEW YORK, July 3.—Walter Hagen, recent British open championship winner, failed to win in his first match since his return yesterday. Cuthbert Butchart, professional of the Westchester-Biltmore Club, paired with Tommy Armour, of the home club, with a sixty-eight for best ball, won by 2 and 1.
Poor work on the greens for Hagen and Kirkwood, who are just starting their world tour.

GIANTS' RESERVE STRENGTH PROVES M'GRAW'S THEORY

It long has been understood that one of the chief maxims of John McGraw's baseball lexicon has been that a team is as strong as its reserve strength and no stronger. Which is about the correct version of most major league teams. Now and then this is not as apparent as it is at the present moment with the Giants, but it always holds good.
One of the things that McGraw has striven for is reserve players to throw into any breach that may occur. He has not always been fortunate, and there have been times when he was weakest in the spot he wanted most to have his greatest strength.
This year, however, it has been demonstrated on a number of occasions that he has a great reserve battalion and this same reserve corps has come to the rescue of the Giants more than once when a weak reserve would have cost a game.
Take Casey Stengel for one and Davey Robertson for another. Here are two players who have been drifting about the big league circuits for a long time and who were discarded as useless.
Yet, picked up by McGraw, they have developed into hardy reserve men. Stengel has come to the rescue of the Giants more than once, and Davey Robertson, who does this reserve strength cover only these two worthies or their ability to hit.
Stengel is a clever outfielder and makes the infield of the Giants secure in company with Bill Cunningham as a relief man. Had McGraw depended upon Shliners, young minor leaguer, and had he cast Stengel adrift, he would have had little reserve strength for his outfield. Even Robertson is Stengel's equal in fielding.
But as anyone knowing McGraw might have suspected, he did not start the season with only Shliners and Cunningham. He never intended to. He hung on to Stengel and then picked up Robertson and had four outfielders he could shoot into the lineup when he needed to. This also means that in the absence of Young or Meuser or both he still had a fairly good outfield, not to say a pretty good one.

In other departments McGraw is well fortified. He can make switches in the infield by using his old reliable Johnny Rawlings at second, sending Frisch to third and can use Rawlings at short if needs be.

He has three first-class catchers and other reserve material that enable him to switch about when he is forced to or when a slump compels a change. No other club in the league has the reserve forces he has.

The weak spot of the Giants apparently is the pitching staff. He has failed to live up to prospects maintained early in the year. But the veteran pitchers keep going at a fair clip and the club hits pretty consistently, and this defect is not as bad as it would be without reserve strength of the character it now has.

When the gutta ball made its appearance the club changed materially. The handle became longer and the head shorter. The first one to use these clubs was considered a freak indeed. The hard gutta ball wore out the face of the club rapidly. A hard substance (leather was tried first) was used to offset the shock. All of the old-time clubs were spliced.
About 1900 another change came about when the rubber-cored ball was first used. Soccer clubs were invented and whippy shafts became a fad. The new rubber-cored balls did not have any effect on the face of the club, but shortly afterward ivory-faced clubs were put on the market and the golfer bought freely at advanced prices. It was supposed to increase one's drive.
Hickory was plentiful in the early part of the century, and a shaft could be had for 20 cents wholesale. The ordinary shaft was only 15 cents.
One day Walter J. Travis appeared at a tournament with clubs that were forty-eight inches long. He played so well with "these fishing poles" that every golfer in the Metropolitan district followed his example. They were excellent for the flat swing. The fad soon died out. It is well for the advocates of hickory shafts that it did, as it would be next to impossible to get any great amount of long shafts today.
Now comes a real change that promises to revolutionize the club making. The steel shaft has made its presence felt and has become popular with the rank and file of golfers. Many stars are using the steel shaft and are getting good results.

Slams Ten Centuries.
Tom Griffith of the Dodgers turned in his 1,000th National League hit on June 24. Tom reaching Fred Toney for the lick.

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Dempsey-Wills Promoters Evidently Plan Great Publicity Campaign.
Probably basing their methods on the preliminary building up of the Dempsey-Carpenter glove battle in Jersey City last year, the promoters evidently propose to follow a similar plan in the Dempsey-Wills negotiations.
In those negotiations, it will be remembered, the public was so generously impressed with the ability of the Frenchman as a fighter that long before the time of the bout arrived there was a considerable portion of the public which sincerely believed that he had a chance to win.
The proposal to put the Dempsey-Wills battle off for a year means that the promoters want to take this time to prepare the fickle boxing public into believing that there is a chance of dethroning the champion.
Wills, in the role of Dempsey's challenger, must be made to appear dangerous. Months and months of preparation are part of the plan. The challenger will furnish material for the grand old ballyhoo without which a championship fight would seem a commonplace event.
The ballyhoo relating to the champion comes naturally, and will get its place in the daily headlines of events. The importance of the challenger must be worked up until he appears in the public mind as nothing less than a ring marvel.
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